

Gulf cultural exchange set

Board ponders University plans

TAIF, Sept. 2 (SPA) — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University's Higher Board approved the university's final accounts for last year and discussed future plans and admission programs Monday.

Higher Education Minister Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, the chancellor of IMISU, presided over at the meeting. The board also reviewed regulations which were tabled for further discussions.

The board also agreed to transfer the department of libraries of the Arabic Language Faculty to the Social Sciences Faculty.

In other educational developments, the Arab Educational Bureau for Gulf States will carry out a program for promoting cultural cooperation. The program will be implemented in two periods, Sept. 13 to 19 and Oct. 25 to Nov. 4.

Dr. Ali Muhammad Al-Tuwaijri, assistant director general of the bureau, said Tuesday

that the first phase of the program includes visits to Iraq and Kuwait, and the second covers Qatar, Bahrain, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. Talks with officials in charge of cultural affairs in these countries are planned. The participants in the program represent member countries in the educational bureau, Dr. Tuwaijri said.

Meanwhile, the summer Quran memorization school of Hasa held a ceremony to mark the end of its 60-day activity Tuesday. The ceremony was attended by Educational officials in the region, and the students' guardians. Prizes and 250 certificates were awarded to distinguished students.

The summer school was allocated SR80,000 for incentives. For every part of the holy book memorized, students are paid SR200. There are 30 divisions in the Quran. Hasa Education Director Ibrahim Al-Hussaini said that a new Quran memoriza-

tion school will be opened in Mubraz by the beginning of the next academic year. Registration for applicants has opened at the Quran memorization school of Hofuf, he said. Students will be provided with free transport from and to the school in addition to a monthly incentive of SR250.

In other developments in Hasa, the Social Development Center is engaged in several social, health, cultural and agricultural projects this year. The total cost of the projects amounts to SR445 million and will serve more than 4,500 people.

The director of the center, Khalifa Al-Naim, said Monday that the projects include building several kindergartens in Jafr, Rumailah, Mineza, Umran, and Fudul. The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has contributed SR84,000 of the overall cost of the kindergartens, Naim added.



Jaffer Raed

Arab 'Eton' opening soon in England

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Sept. 2 — What is already being dubbed the Arab "Eton" in England will open officially next week for Arab and other foreign students wishing to pursue their high school education in one of the most picturesque settings in the country.

The school, owned by the Avicenna Foundation, is financed by Saudi Arabian businessmen as a non-profit enterprise aimed at providing good British "public" school education in addition to Arabic and Islamic studies. The idea came from a discussion between the former Iranian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Jaffer Raed, and several Saudi Arabian gentlemen in London.

"We discussed the desirability of setting up a great school that can give our boys solid English education and still teach them Arabic and Islamic history and religion," Jaffer said here this week. "The gentlemen I talked to were at once enthusiastic and offered to put up the money to start the process of realizing the scheme." An Iranian citizen, Jaffer is a well-known Arabic scholar and author. He spent many years in the country's foreign service before quitting last year to devote himself to learning and teaching. He looked for suitable school sites, finding the right location — 125 acres of parkland in the Vale of Evesham Gloucestershire. Lawns surround its 19th century main building.

Eventually the plan may cost well in excess of £1 million as more students are enrolled and the teaching staff bill rises. The school aims at providing one teacher for every ten students to ensure maximum benefits, he said.

"It is a tribute to the Saudi Arabian businessmen who bought shares in the foundation without really caring whether it will be commercially viable," he said. "They wanted a great school no matter how much it cost, and that is what we are going to get," he said.

In the near future the names of the members of the board and other participants will be made known, he said. It already looks like a who's who of famous names in the Kingdom.

Since most of the students will be Arab, the risk of their choosing to speak in Arabic at all

times will be minimized by the injection of a number of British and American students. The foundation will grant scholarships to a few British students while some American boys have already applied for enrollment. Special care, Jaffer said, will be taken to provide the best possible English language laboratories because of the background of the students many of whom will be very weak in the language when they first enter the school.

Because boys will reach Avicenna College with varying levels of experience and understanding, all students will have to undergo a preparatory program. "The aim is to make sure that each boy is sufficiently fluent in English and its applications to different academic subjects to benefit from his future studies," according to the brochure.

"Subsequently the boys will move into their respective classes according to their age and previous experience. In forms five and six, students are prepared to sit for the GCE at both O and A levels, with the aim of obtaining a place for them in a suitable university either in the U.K. or the U.S.A."

Although the school claims that its fees are "reasonable and competitive," at £5000 a year they are nearly twice as much as those charged by Eton, one of the most venerable schools in the world. But since it combines

Commerce group okayed for Hasa

HASA, Sept. 2 (SPA) — The Ministry of Commerce agreed in principle to the idea of forming a chamber of commerce and industry in Hasa, officials reported Monday. The ministry's branch in Hasa invited businessmen in the region to attend a meeting on this subject, but the date has not been decided yet.

The branch's director, Abdul Aziz Al-Dabian, said the establishment of a chamber aims at activating and developing the commercial and industrial movement in Hasa and fulfilling businessmen's requirements in the area.

the qualities of both an English and an Arab school rolled into one, and located Gloucester for that matter, the claim may be true.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Al-Wazzan
Al Bilad

The nuclear tussle among the superpowers has brought the world gradually to a sharp and crucial turn that may explode any moment now. This tussle is part of a military game played by the superpowers to wield influence at the international level.

In fact, the nuclear shadow had begun to fall on the world more than three decades ago, when Hiroshima was devastated by the explosion of an atom bomb followed by yet another bomb which destroyed Nagasaki. These explosions produced sharp reactions in the whole world which still feels the impact of that tragedy.

In their formidable race for supremacy, the superpowers developed themselves into nuclear powers that started threatening mankind with total annihilation. Although some major powers have declared that they are carrying out their nuclear experiments only for peaceful purposes, their real intention seems to be other than mere experimentation. Going deeper into the matter, one finds that the nuclear program in war weaponry has become an ordinary matter for these powers.

Political observers, however, believe that a peaceful nuclear program could be considered in the countries of the Third World alone, for they are not yet as far developed militarily as the major powers of the world. In their case, there can be no room for nuclear war, but the development of armaments.

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Pakistan to build town near Lahore honoring Faisal

JEDDAH, Sept. 2 — The Pakistan government will build a new town which will be named after the late King Faisal, according to embassy sources here.

They said the town, near the major city of Lahore will include 352 villas which will be reserved for Pakistani nationals serving in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states. For this purpose the Chairman of Pakistan's House Building Finance Corporation will be visiting the country beginning Sept. 12. He will meet with Pakistani nationals in Jeddah, Mecca, Medina, Riyadh, Dammam and Al Khobar.

The Faisal town will be the second major housing project to bear the name of the King, who is deeply revered by the people of Pakistan. Already one of the biggest industrial cities in the country, Faisalabad, bears his name. It is the hub of the textile industry in the Punjab province.

King Faisal's mosque in Islamabad will be one of the finest in the country. The highway leading to it is named Shara-e-Faisal, as is the main road of Karachi.

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Begin's failure

Israeli defense post vacant

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin failed Monday in an attempt to fill the vacant defense minister's portfolio as a hard-line member of parliament turned down the top job. The rejection by Moshe Arens, chairman of parliament's foreign affairs and security committee, left Begin himself holding the defense portfolio as he has done since Ezer Weizman resigned over policy disputes in May.

Explaining his reasons, Arens told reporters, "It's no secret that I opposed the Camp David agreements and the peace treaty with Egypt." Arens said he was not willing to accept collective responsibility as a cabinet member in carrying out terms of the treaty. "We have some very significant differences in opinion on the issues," Arens said after a meeting with Begin. "The conclusion on both sides was that the gap is too large."

Arens, 55, is a member of Begin's own Herut Party, the dominant center of the prime minister's governing Likud Bloc. Arens emigrated to the United States as a teenager and came to Israel in 1948. He is an aeronautical engineer educated in the United

States, and he advocates a strong military policy relying on weaponry built in Israel.

If Arens had taken the post it would have meant three of Begin's top ministers had opposed the Camp David accords and the Israel-Egypt peace treaty. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz also refused to support the peace agreements.

Begin now spends one day a week attending exclusively to defense ministry affairs — an arrangement his critics say is a dangerous lack of attention to Israel's basic security problem. But Begin has been unable to find a candidate acceptable to the fractious parties in his coalition.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, the hawkish ex-general who directs the settlement of Jews in occupied Arab territories, campaigned publicly for the defense job, but the Democrats and Liberals in the coalition said they would pull out, causing the government to fall, if Sharon were appointed. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori, who runs the ministry in Begin's absence, also wants the job but hasn't

received encouragement from Begin.

Arens, asked about Begin's continued cabinet troubles, commented, "Luckily I'm not the man who has to deal with that."

Begin apparently has shelved his first proposal for a reshuffle: to move Shamir from the foreign ministry to defense and make Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i foreign minister. Moda'i has withdrawn his acceptance of the offer.

Bahrain's premier visiting Iraq to improve mutual ties

BAHRAIN, Sept. 2 (R) — Bahrain's Prime Minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, left here Tuesday for a three-day visit to Baghdad where officials said he would discuss ways of further bolstering relations with Iraq, which have become closer since the Iranian revolution.

Officials said the prime minister, would also talk about Arab and international issues during the visit which was at the invitation of

Izzat Ibrahim, vice chairman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council.

Sheikh Khalifa was accompanied by the interior minister, Sheikh Mohammed Ben Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Information Minister, Tariq Almoayyed.

Since the revolution in Iran, some clear-gymen there have revived claims — renounced by the late Shah — to the Gulf island, although the revolutionary government has sought to allay Bahrain's fears.

Sadat bans beef slaughter for 30 days

ALEXANDRIA, Sept. 2 (AP) — In an attempt to slow down inflation, President Anwar Sadat Monday banned the slaughter of beef, a keystone of Egypt's consumer goods, for a month. Sadat said that at the end of 30 days the government will lift the ban and flood the market, an attempt to drive down beef prices that recently jumped to about 12 dollars a pound.

Beef is the indicator of Egypt's inflation. Without it, Egyptians will probably turn to chicken and fish. It was not immediately clear if the ban applied to lamb, another favorite of consumers here.

"This is outrageous. It affects the daily life of the people," Sadat said of beef prices. His announcement came in an address at his summer villa near the Mediterranean sea. The statement was to be aired later in the day over Egyptian television.

"Slaughter (of beef) will be stopped for one month altogether," the president said.

Inflation is put at about 30 percent a year here where the annual per capita income is only about 350 dollars. Buying power over the past year has fallen far behind prices because merchants refuse to abide by government pricing policies.

A reason for this is the mushrooming population. A million people a year are added to Egypt's population of 42 million. This means a greater demand for essential commodities, tempting retailers to charge more for items out of reach of the lower-income Egyptians.

Sadat blasted merchants for pushing up beef prices. He said they were "exploiting the people's blood."

Inquiry into Arab complaints urged

Amnesty doubts Israeli denials on brutality

LONDON, Sept. 2 (AP) — Amnesty International Tuesday urged Israel to set up a public inquiry into complaints by Arab detainees of brutality by Israeli interrogators in the occupied West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights. The London-based human rights organization said in a 74-page report that it was seriously concerned about the persistent allegations. It dubbed repeated denials by the Israeli authorities as "not convincing."

The report noted: "while it may be true, as the authorities claim, that some of these allegations have been falsely brought to serve as ammunition to a propaganda campaign, it is also true that official rebuttals are not convincing and do not seriously weaken the allegations." The organization, which won the 1977 Nobel peace prize for its campaign on behalf of political prisoners around the world, cited four specific cases of brutality. These included accusations by one

detainee that he was beaten until he was unconscious, kicked in the face and genitals during interrogation and made to stand tied to a pole, for up to 48 hours at a time.

The Amnesty report expressed doubts about the impartiality of Israeli military courts. It urged immediate steps "to ensure that security suspects under interrogation are protected against possible ill-treatment," including prompt and regular visits from family lawyers and "independent" doctors.

Amnesty said its recommendations were not based on any specific brutality allegations because present arrangements for dealing with Arab suspects made it impossible to assess factually either the accusations or Israel's denials.

"Discussion of individual accusations could only lead to sterile dispute," it said. In three of the four brutality accusations cited by Amnesty, the organization said its own officials had received the complaints' testimony but dates were changed in the report to protect the individuals from identification.

Israelis to evict three Arab families from Jerusalem homes

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2 — Three Palestinian families were ordered Friday to quit their homes next to Menachem Begin's new office in east Jerusalem. The prime minister is planning to move across the disputed city within the next few weeks as a demonstration that Jerusalem will remain the capital of the Zionist state. All three families, numbering about 30 people, said Friday night that they would not leave voluntarily. If they stick to their word Begin is faced with an embarrassing challenge in which international sym-

pathy will be on the Arabs' side. The controversy comes on the eve of the return of the here of the American mediator, Sol Linowitz, who is seeking to revive the Palestinian autonomy negotiations.

The eviction notices instructed the families to leave immediately in accordance with expropriation orders which they had been ignoring for 12 years. The Israeli lands authority threatened to take "all legal procedures at its disposal" if they did not comply.

BRIEFS

ALEXANDRIA, (R) — Former Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, currently on holiday in Egypt, had a 90-minute meeting here Tuesday with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Defense Minister Ahmed Badawi were also at the meeting.

BUCHAREST, (AP) — Official talks started here Monday between Rumanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei and Syrian Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam on bilateral and international issues. Khaddam arrived earlier in the day.

CAIRO, (AFP) — The United States will spend \$102 million to finance several projects in Egypt, including the modernization of electricity systems, according to the terms of

six economic agreements Egypt and the United States signed Monday.

TRIPOLI, Libya, (AP) — Serious-faced high-school students — girls and boys — dominated Libya's annual military parade Monday as the nation stepped closer to its goal of arming the entire population. All students from 15 to 19 years of age were required for the first time this summer to spend two to three weeks in military training camps, learning to handle arms, including rifles and guided missiles, according to officials at the government information bureau.

ADDIS ABABA, (R) — Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam has told President Jimmy Carter that the United States agreement to use military facilities in Somalia was a threat to stability in the Horn of Africa.

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Stevens' rebellion said 1 week from destruction

PORT VILA, Vanuatu, Sept. 2 (Agencies) — The government of newly independent Vanuatu believes the rebellion on the island of Espiritu Santo will be crushed by the end of the week, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

Government spokesman John Beasant said one of the two remaining secessionist strongholds had decided to lower the rebel flag—a move he described as "most helpful."

Beasant said the only pocket of resistance now left was Port Olry on the eastern seaboard, where about 100 armed rebels continued to defy the government.

Strife sparks Brazil arms exports

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 2 (AFP) — Brazil is the first developing country to start its own large-scale arms exporting industry, although it is still minuscule beside the four "majors" of the United States, the Soviet Union, France and Britain.

Arms sales for 1980 are expected to reach \$500 million as a result of an ambitious marketing offensive, including advertising in the newspapers of Gulf states, which even so is just in its early stages. For sale are Brazilian light tanks, armored cars, amphibious trucks, military training aircraft and helicopters.

"Order books are being filled regularly with new foreign contracts," according to arms industry sources. "We have a whole arsenal of a variety of weapons suitable for the international market."

This new industry was born from necessity 12 years ago when the Brazilian army was fighting a number of local guerrilla actions. Local companies started manufacturing small numbers of light armored cars and tanks modified to operate under Brazilian climatic and geographical conditions.

When the guerrillas had been overcome, the government realized that it possessed specialized military equipment like all-purpose armored vehicles unavailable anywhere in the world except the Soviet Union. At that moment the Brazilian arms industry was born.

Its center is at Santo-Amaro, in the state of Sao Paulo, where the Engesa Company has a group of 60 engineers researching various arms development projects. The group is aided by 240 other specialists in this field.

A Brazilian specialty is a series of light tanks named after the snakes found in the "green hell" of its equatorial rain forests like "Sucuri," "Cascavel," "Urutu" and the latest model "Jaracaca."

These all-purpose vehicles suitable for highly mobile operations have an added advantage for foreign buyers because the majority of their spare parts are used in Brazilian military trucks.

custody at Luganville, following the fall of their headquarters at the village of Vanato during the weekend.

They were still being interrogated, and so far, only a handful of the rebels had been transferred to prison in the capital, Port Vila, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the Vanuatu government is actively trying to encourage people to return to their homes on Espiritu Santo following the collapse of the rebellion.

However, many people said here they were afraid to go back yet. The government has now reopened the post office in Luganville and people whose houses were looted are being encouraged to return under the protection of the Papua New Guinea troops.

Nobody has yet set a time on the length of stay of the troops, but sources here said it was likely to be "a matter of months."

But the presence of the troops is deterring some former Santo residents and do not want to return and have to live under the protection of a machine gun.



President Doe

Executions coming -- Doe

MONROVIA, Liberia, Sept. 2 (R) — Liberia's military ruler, Master Sergeant Samuel Doe, has announced his government would resume executions of people he described as enemies of the Liberian people. Doe, who has just returned from a state visit to Ethiopia, told a rally in the south of the country that "any anti-revolutionary element caught undermining the progress of the Liberian revolution would be immediately executed."

The Liberian ruler and about 20 other non-commissioned officers and men seized power last April 12. President William Tolbert was assassinated during the coup. Within days, 13 senior officials of the former regime were publicly executed by firing squad for "crimes against the state."

Informed sources said large numbers of people were in detention pending trial for similar alleged crimes. Among them was one of Tolbert's sons who was arrested when Liberian troops seized the French ambassador's residence where he had been in hiding.

Organist closed out

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 2 (R) — The Swedish government has ruled that a young organist who can play only with his toes cannot become a musician or music director in a Swedish church, a government spokesman said.

Mats Aakerlund, 25, suffers from a congenital nervous disorder, sits in a wheelchair and lacks normal speech and the use of his arms. Yet he has passed his degree courses in the organ and often plays in Swedish churches.

The government, which controls the Lutheran Church of Sweden, has turned down his application for a certificate of qualification, though several churches want to hire him.

WW II Marauders meet again

'It was mud and fighting' in Merrill's Burma

BUENA PARK, California Sept. 2 (LAT) — There weren't very many of them, some of them didn't recognize each other, and all of them looked like 60ish middle-class Americans.

In the jungles of Burma and China 36 years ago, operating far behind Japanese lines for months, they made legends of themselves and their leader, Maj. Gen. Frank Merrill.

They were Merrill's Marauders, and last week they were again. They wore slack suits and sport shirts but on their heads were the black or maroon berets of their old Ranger battalions.

"I walked close to 900 miles in the swamps and jungles in the months we were back of the lines," said Ray Braden of Colorado Springs, Colorado, who now is president of the West coast group of the Marauders. "It was mud and fighting, a lot of hand-to-hand fighting. Sometimes it was not that close. They were just two or three feet away you couldn't see them. We killed a lot of them."

The adjoining rooms at the Buena Park Hotel began to fill with chatter. Drinks were passed around. Scrapbooks were opened.

"We ate raw rice by the handful!"

"I wore out three pairs of jungle boots..."

"It didn't matter how sick you got — malaria and dysentery and all — the only time you could get evacuated was if you were shot, and even then it wasn't easy."

By the afternoon about 10 Marauders had arrived for the two-day convention. In 1944 there were about 3,000 Marauders. Today, Marthis guessed, there are 225 of "the originals," many of them on the east coast.

Also on hand were nine young men from the army's 75th Ranger Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington, headed by command Sgt. Maj. Walter Stock, a 6-foot-4, 220-pounder.

He has been a Ranger for 15 years, three of them in Vietnam, and he and his eight men will put on demonstrations of hand-to-hand combat — modern style — for the old Marauders.

The Marauders were specially trained jungle fighters, all volunteers, who answered a presidential call "for a dangerous and hazardous mission." Their expendable units were to spearhead a joint Chinese-American attack on the Japanese in north Burma by

infiltrating the lines. To get to their objective, they walked and fought some 400 miles inland from the Burma coast, destroying enemy supplies and communications along the way.

Their most spectacular single action out of five big battles was the capture of the Myitkino Airfield in northern Burma.

In latter years, many books were written about them, followed by motion pictures, and the name Merrill was immortalized in military annals. "We all knew him, I guess you say personally," said Ray Chubbick, of Cerritos, California. "He was just a guy, right there in the mud with you. I saw him take the packs off of guys who were tired and carry them himself."

Lowly ferry strands NATO convoy

SOUTHAMPTON, England Sept. 2 (AP) — A convoy of 36 British army trucks carrying vital equipment for a continent-wide NATO exercise designed to test the Western response to attack was stranded at Southampton docks Monday — because there was no room on a civilian ferry.

Red-faced defense ministry officials said the trucks, carrying spares and supplies for armored units, have been re-routed to Harwich to catch a chartered ferry for Belgium early Tuesday.

Army sources admitted that dozens of Chieftain battle tanks and other armor carried to the continent aboard a chartered Danish ferry, the *Dana Fortuna*, from Southampton could only operate efficiently for 48 hours without the supplies carried by the trucks.

Unrest may bring postponement of Uganda poll

KAMPALA, Uganda Sept. 2 (AP) — Mounding violence and political instability in Uganda have raised speculation that the east African country's first elections since 1962, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 30, may be postponed.

Despite repeated assurances from the ruling six-man military commission that took over after ex-President Godfrey Binaisa was overthrown last May, some Ugandans now are questioning whether the polls will be held at all.

Merrill died in 1955 at Fernandina Beach, Florida, of a heart condition that developed in Burma.

Bob Nelson, 60, was leaning against a wall of the hotel room with a plastic glass in his hand. "I was just a kid then, 23," he said. "I was in a mortar platoon. During all that time, I only fired my rifle once. We were down in a sort of little hollow where it was kind of quiet, and all the real stuff was going on somewhere around us. But I looked up and saw a sniper in a palm tree up there."

"So without saying anything to my buddies, I pumped a cartridge into the chamber and fired. Scared hell out of my pals, but the sniper fell out of the tree. I was one for one with my rifle."

The snafu came at the beginning of the two-week exercise, "Crusader 80," in which around 30,000 British troops and most of their weapons and equipment will be moved across the English Channel to reinforce the 55,000-strong British Army of the Rhine. It's the biggest British military maneuver in Europe since World War II.

An army spokesman explained: "The loading plan was based on information given to us by the Danish ferry. But when they had loaded all the tanks on board, they found there wasn't enough room for the supply trucks. The spokesman added: "In a real war, of course, other ships would be in port at the same time and the surplus vehicles would have been diverted to them."

"I'd say that at this point, the least likely result of (the May takeover) will be free and fair elections," said a senior civil servant who asked not to be identified.

The speculation has heightened because few, if any, preparations for the promised elections have so far been made. Officials said the authorities have not yet compiled an electoral register, printed ballot papers or demarcated electoral districts.

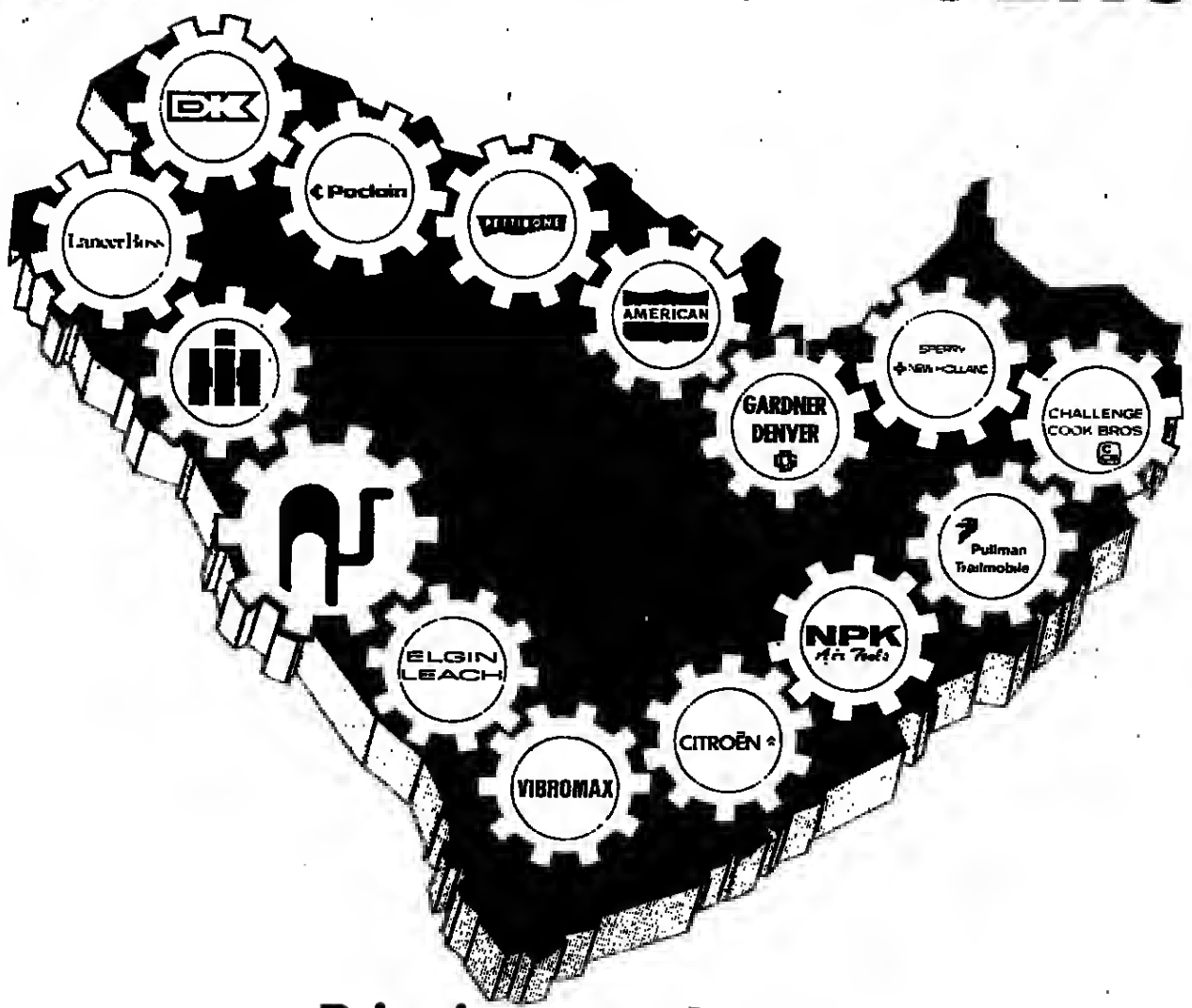
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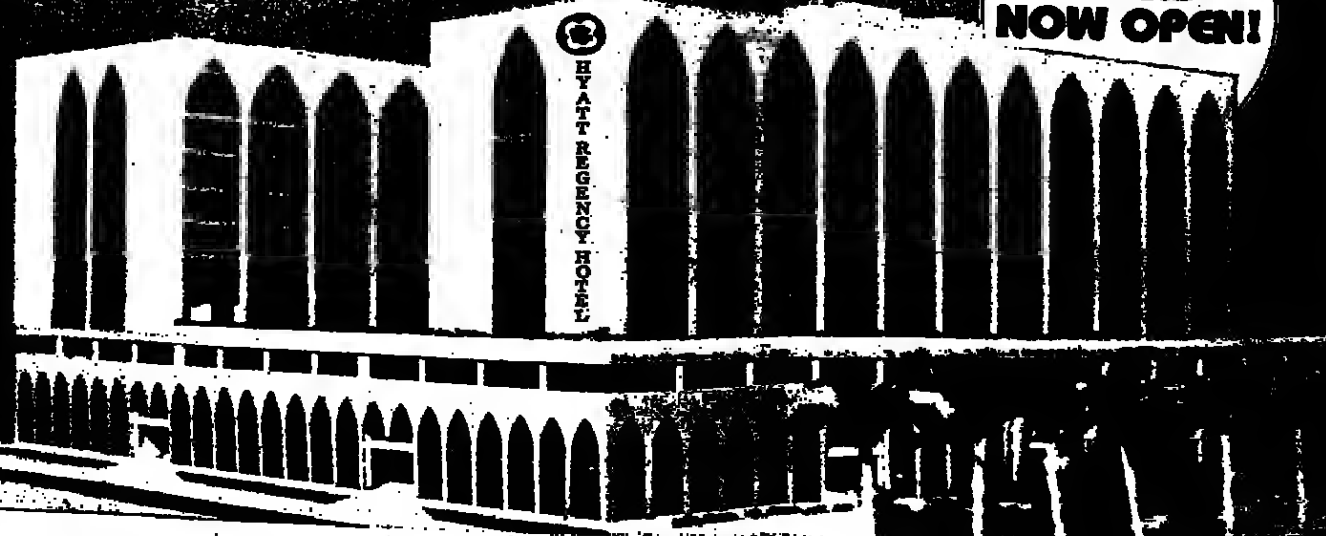
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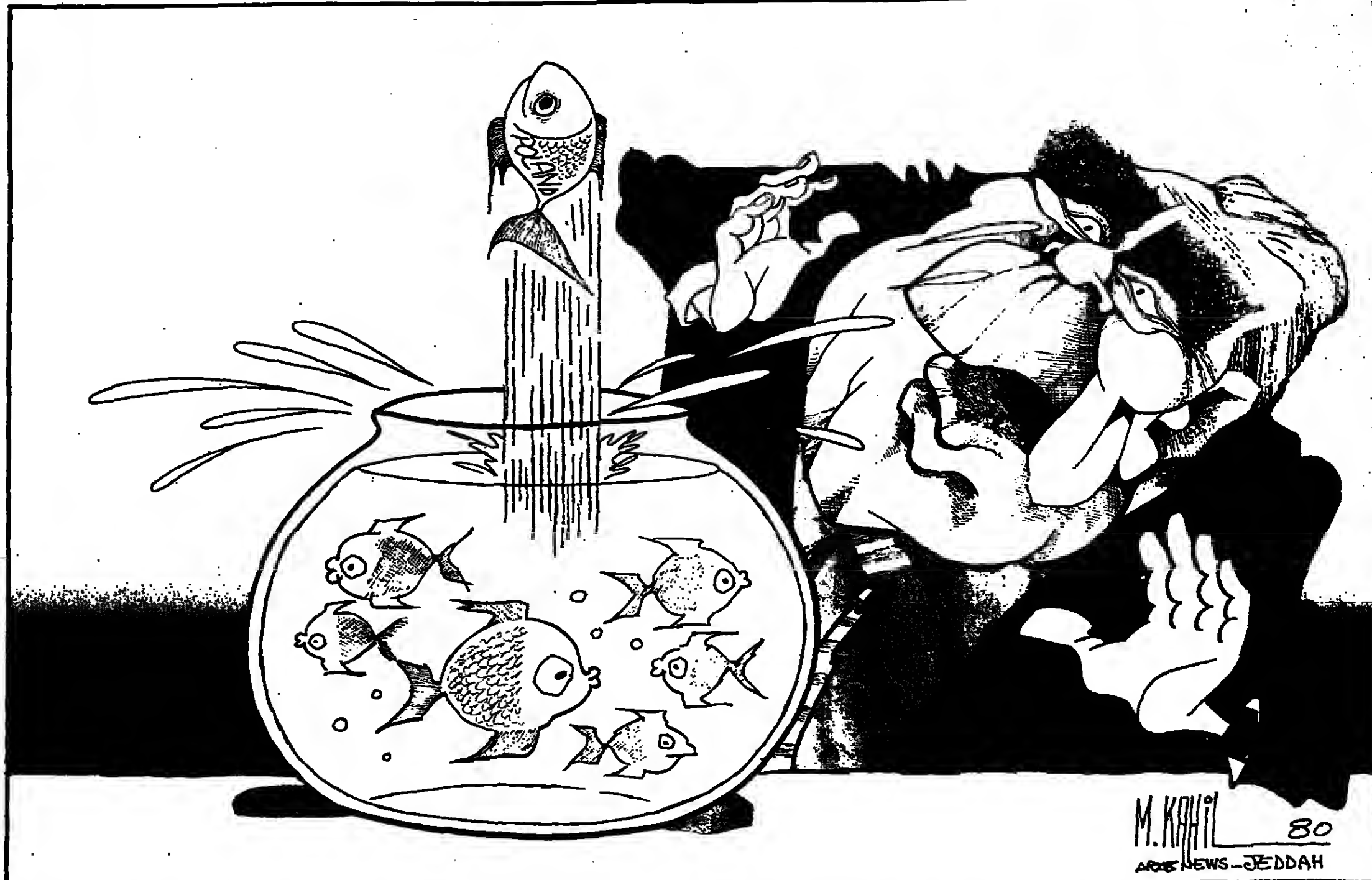
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Behind Soviet excuses in Kabul

By Mark Frankland

LONDON —

Officials who have the job of explaining Soviet policy to the West have been trying for months to allay fears about the long-term meaning of Moscow's invasion of Afghanistan. They have said repeatedly that Afghanistan was not a prelude to further Soviet military moves. "We don't regard Afghanistan as some sort of springboard for military incursions in other areas," was bow Georgi Arbatov, head of Moscow's Institute of the USA and Canada, put it in a recent interview with an American newspaper.

Arbatov and other Russian like *Ispravnik's* commentator, Alexander Bovin, have sought to justify this by explaining why the Soviet leadership felt it had to intervene in Afghanistan.

They say that, from the Soviet point of view, the situation in Afghanistan was disastrous in December 1979. The Marxist-Leninist regime installed by the April 1978 revolution (coup might be a more accurate word) was on the point of collapse.

According to Bovin, "we had either to bring in troops or let the Afghan revolution be defeated and the country turned into a kind of Shah's Iran."

Bovin and other Soviet foreign affairs experts argue, both in print and in private conversations, that any new regime that might have been set up by the Islamic freedom fighters would have been violently anti-Soviet.

What is more, Bovin claims, it would have opened the way "for a massive American military presence in a country which borders on the Soviet Union and this was a challenge to our country's security."

Arbatov has even said that the United States fleet, gathered in the Indian Ocean to put pressure on Iran over the American hostages, was also suspected by Moscow of being there to intervene in Afghanistan.

The argument that Soviet security was involved, and that it was going to the help of a legal government at the latter's request (which Moscow must stick to in spite of the killing of President Amin after the arrival of the Soviet troops) are the traditional arguments of a great power. And Bovin, for one, is ready to accept that.

"We knew that the decision to bring in troops

would not be popular in the modern world," he has written, "even if it was absolutely legal. But we also knew that we would have ceased to be a great power if we refrained from carrying the burden of taking unpopular but necessary decisions, extraordinary decisions prompted by extraordinary circumstances."

If people in the West were convinced that the Soviet Union was behaving simply like any other great power, they would be less worried that they are by Afghanistan. But they are not at all sure that Russia is not a great power with a difference: an ideological great power which believes that it is doing the work of history (as revealed to Marxist-Leninists) by expanding its influence and helping to create more Communist governments.

These doubters have already picked on a recent comment by Bovin:

"History and politics cannot always be fitted into legal formulas. There are situations when non-intervention is a disgrace and a betrayal. Such a situation developed in Afghanistan."

"And when I hear voices of protest from people who claim to be democrats, humanists and even revolutionaries, saying that they are outraged by Soviet intervention," I tell them this: it is logic that prompted us. If you are against Soviet military aid to revolutionary Afghanistan, then you are for the victory of counter-revolution. There is no third way."

Is this a revolutionary power or a great power talking? Bovin has used this argument in front of Western audiences and its purpose is not to win understanding from Western governments but support from Communists and the Left in general in the neo-Communist world.

It is classically Bolshevik. "There is no third way" was Lenin's theme in his battle against his other opponents on the Left. It is Moscow's argument against Peking and all other wayward ruling Communist parties.

In the context of Afghanistan it is also a tactical argument to shore up the Soviet position in the Communist world (including East Europe, where the Afghan adventure is not popular). But the fact that the Russians use it at the same time as they explain to the West that they have merely behaved like any other great power is bound to cause at least confusion and at most the deepest distrust. (OFNS)

The 'hill of beans' row

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is national legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union.)

By Bruce J. Egan

NEW YORK —

The controversy over President Jimmy Carter's disclosure of classified information with his brother Billy illustrates three overlooked points: The U.S. government unnecessarily classifies much information that is trivial while claiming falsely that its release would damage national security; government officials routinely leak classified information favorable to themselves; unnecessary classification and selective leaking increase the likelihood that secrecy laws will be enforced against critics of government but not against friends. The convictions of Ronald Humphrey and David Truong underscore these points.

In 1978, the administration prosecuted Humphrey for giving "confidential" documents to Truong, allegedly an agent of North Vietnam. Humphrey and Truong claimed, unsuccessfully, that the documents did not contain information that could harm national security; they were sentenced to 15 years. (In a similar case prosecuted by the administration, the court ruled that "the propriety" of a classification is irrelevant; the fact of classification "is enough.") Truong was also convicted of acting as a foreign agent without notifying the government. Unlike Billy Carter, he was not given an opportunity to avoid prosecution by filing belatedly.

The Senate is investigating the possibility that President Carter gave "confidential" documents to his brother, an agent of Libya. Like Humphrey and Truong, Carter claims that the documents do not contain information that could harm national security. As his press secretary Jody Powell said, the information in those documents did not amount "to a hill of beans."

Powell was right. One "confidential" cable reveals that Libyan news media coverage of Billy's visit was "routine throughout," that 400 Americans attended an embassy reception, and that Billy noted "rapid progress" in Libya, "particularly in the agricultural field." Not much there to shake the nation's security. A second "confidential" cable

reveals the embarrassing fact that the U.S. charge d'affaires in Libya had not received a shipment of household effects, but he had enjoyed a "private swim-lunch" with Billy, who was "strictly on the wagon." Another "confidential" cable complains that the "secretarial problem" of the embassy in "genuine," and notes that the Libyans had tried unsuccessfully to delay Billy's visit "because of shortage of hotel space."

Cables are supposed to be marked "confidential" only if unauthorized disclosure would "damage" national security. Under those standards, the Libyan cables should never have been classified.

According to *The New York Times*, the U.S. State Department admits that classified but "non-sensitive" cables were, in practice, routinely released, and according to *The Washington Star*, the former State Department spokesman Huddling Carter 3rd acknowledged that the department "leaks like a sieve," and said that the White House, National Security Council and the Defense Department also leaked information, and "for self-serving reasons and for policy reasons."

Control of information increases political power. By classifying information unnecessarily, leaking favorable information, and prosecuting those who leak embarrassing information, the government augments its power and shapes public perception of its actions.

I do not suggest that Carter should be prosecuted if he gave "classified" documents to Billy. No one should be prosecuted for disseminating improperly classified but harmless information. Nor do I suggest it was wrong to warn Billy to register or face prosecution. But there should not be one standard for the politically powerful and another for the politically weak. The same rules that apply to a president and his brother should apply to Humphrey and Truong.

Government officials are unnecessarily classifying harmless information, leaking favorable and politically advantageous information, and selectively enforcing the law. Although the contents of the Libyan cables did not amount to "a hill of beans," the incident should prompt Americans to question the reality of their constitutional commitment to equal justice under the law. — (NYT)

TIME FOR PRESSURE

The American and international news media carried the report of the press conference called by the Republican candidate for the presidency Ronald Reagan, in which he renounced his former undertaking to restore diplomatic links with Taiwan once he is elected for the job.

That move did not come out of any good will on Reagan's part toward China. It was directly caused by Chinese anger at the statement by George Bush, Reagan's vice presidential candidate, when visiting China, in which he reiterated the original Republican undertaking to Taiwan. China's response was as immediate as it was decisive. And the Republicans changed their mind.

Now China, one might argue, is a major power, so that the speed of the Republican response is understandable. Yet, on the other hand, China depends a great deal on American imports, and its commercial ties with the United States are growing yearly. This, however, counted for nothing when it came to what the Chinese leadership considers a matter of principle.

The question to ask is why China's anger can have such immediate effect on the Republicans while Arab anger, so often stated, meets no response? Reagan had stated clearly that in the event of his election to the presidency he will recognize "united Jerusalem" as Israel's capital and will move the American embassy there from Tel Aviv. He has made a list of advisers containing a number of well known Zionists, in addition to two Israeli nationals. He is yet to show any consideration whatever to the grievances of the Arabs.

The often advanced explanation for this is the Jewish vote in the United States which no candidate can ignore. And that the Arabs have no comparable means of moving things their way. This explanation fails to convince, when we take the case of China into consideration. There is hardly a "Chinese vote", and yet the weight of China's displeasure was so quickly felt and responded to.

What no one can deny is that the Arab world has more means to influence events in the United States than China. The Americans need the Arabs more than they do the Chinese. There is Arab oil, Arab finance and Arab markets; all of these can be used as means of pressure to extract similar recantations to the one Reagan accorded China.

And the time for such pressure is now; when there is, just barely, room to maneuver in the Middle East crisis.

MORE INTRANSIGENCE

At a time when only three minor embassies remain in Jerusalem, Menahem Begin finds in the increasing political isolation of Israel as a result of his government's stands only further justification for more intransigence and aggression. He has ordered that some family homes in Arab East Jerusalem where he wants to set up his office be taken over. He also told Sol Linowitz, the American envoy to the Middle East, that it was Egypt which has broken the Palestinian autonomy negotiations, and that it was for Egypt therefore to resume them, and so Israel's terms.

In other words, Begin has flouted both the unanimous U.N. rejection of his move over Jerusalem and the view of its two co-partners in the "autonomy talks". In fact, he went further in this second regard, when he also rejected Egypt's call for a tripartite summit of the parties to Camp David, calling the proposal a waste of time. The truth is that Israel wants to use the time between now and the end of the American presidential elections for the accomplishment of a maximum number of "facts", with which to confront the United States once the latter is free to face up once more to the real issue of the Middle East, the question of Palestinian rights.

The danger at present is that the Israelis are free from any external pressure against their boundless greed and aggressiveness. Egypt can do nothing except break the talks, while the United States is occupied with the presidential elections. And this has led some Arabs to call for patience, and to await the results of the elections in November before trying to break out of the present impasse.

Such a view would indeed be the logical one, had the Israelis been content to sit out the interim period. But this is not what they are doing. Their aggressive moves against the population of the occupied territories continue and intensify, and will not cease until all hope of a real autonomy for the Palestinian people is lost. This means that Israel's designs have to be confronted on all levels and by all possible means. For unless this is done, the Arab world will find before long that conditions have changed completely.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Tuesday led with a report on the military parade in Tabuk Monday under the auspices of King Khalid, who also opened a military hospital bearing his name. Papers also included as part of their lead stories the monarch's return to Taif.

Newspapers used on their front pages Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan's press interview Monday. He had outlined the defense policy of the Kingdom and reaffirmed that the Kingdom will continue to obtain sophisticated weapons for its armed forces. The story of the conference of the Governors of the Islamic Central Banks occupied front page columns of some newspapers, which also gave prominence to the inaugural speech by Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam. Prince Sattam stressed the need for solidarity among the Islamic states.

Some newspapers gave front-page treatment to the first Islamic Information Conference which was opened in Jakarta Monday by President Suharto of Indonesia. They also highlighted King Khalid's message to the conference in which he expressed the hope that it would respond to the Kingdom's call for the holy war.

In a front-page story, *Al Riyadh* reported that economic conditions are getting worse in Egypt, adding that President Sadat has decided to ban the sale of meat for one month owing to the "criminal" hike in the prices of meat. The Pilgrimage Committee's intensive activities in connections with the upcoming Haj season figured prominently in *Al Medina* newspaper.

Newspaper editorials dealt with a variety of subjects ranging from the King's visit to Tabuk, to Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan's press conference, to the Third Conference of the Governors of Islamic Central Banks. *Al Medina* editorial referred to an announcement made by Governor of Tabuk Prince Abdul Majid, revealing

a comprehensive plan to modernize and beautify the city. The paper said this was one of the benefits of the royal visit to the northern province, adding that the projects dedicated by the monarch in Tabuk show the strong bonds that exist between the people and their leader. The news of the Tabuk governor is only one example of many that will come from several towns of the north in the near future as the rural areas will see further developments, the paper added.

Dealing with the Defense and Aviation Minister's press conference of Monday, *Al Riyadh* highlighted the minister's stress on conscription which is expected to come in force soon. The paper said this was extremely necessary, adding that the Ministry of Defense would make all efforts to see this policy succeeds. It has already begun to work for the welfare of the armed forces personnel, equipping them with the most sophisticated weapons, said the paper. It added that wise selection of the source of arms provides testimony to the fact that the Kingdom has always avoided relying on one country for arms.

Al Yam commended Prince Sultan's on his press interview, saying it has illuminated defense achievements. His talk has instilled great confidence in the people, so that they understand the meaning of freedom and the importance of a responsible statement, the paper added. Commenting on the military parade, *Okaz* noted that it reaffirmed confidence in the country's military prowess and the technological development of the Saudi Arabian armed forces. The leadership's resolve to develop the armed forces on modern lines indicates that the present situation demands alertness to avoid the scheming of hostile forces, said the paper. It added that the development of the military sector has received full support from the government so that they always are a powerful protector of the country and its achievements. Monday's military

parade in Tabuk reflects the aspirations placed on the armed forces, it added.

Concentrating on the conference of the Governors of Islamic Central Banks, *Al Jazirah* said it is an extraordinary event since it deals with the extraordinary issues of the Islamic world. The conference continues in difficult economic and political conditions, said the paper, adding that the Islamic bloc should discuss economic and commercial integration and the basis on which such an integration must be founded. Blessed with the Islamic fraternity and a strong situation. They have the richest source of legislation in the Islamic law which aids their framing economic and financial laws on sound basis, the paper said. It said it was possible for the Islamic world to organize the actions of their capitals among themselves and to achieve coordination in their development programs.



On Sadat's summit call: "No problem. I'll go, but only if we discuss Poland!!" — *Al Medina*

With American consul

A career diplomat settles down in Dhahran

By Jean Grant

Al Khobar Bureau

DHARAN — The new American Consul General, James M. Ealum, is basking in his new assignment. "I got what I asked for," he says. "Dhahran was one of the better places at the time I was available. Both my wife and I find the Middle East a comfortable environment, and I've been well and stably received by all the Saudi Arabian American businessmen I've met."

A week which saw an assassination attempt on the American ambassador to Iran, John Gunther Dean, and 52 hostages held in Iran, enthusiasm for any post diplomatic posting comes as a surprise. Surely France, Italy, or the U.K. would be preferable, at least for the faint-hearted. Ealum, however, a former naval officer, is not of this company.

"Saudi Arabia," he says, "is not a high-risk area for diplomats because the Saudi government has shown their concern (for our lives) in a very concrete way with support of the police and National Guard."

The Consul General, who arrived in Dhahran on the first day of Ramadan, July 10, old Prince Abdul Mubsen Ibn Juluwi "felt safer in Dhahran than in Washington D.C." He respects the Muslim belief that whatever happens is God's will, and finds it reassuring to say "In sh' Allah."

Ealum replaces former Consul General Lindstrom who has been appointed director of Iranian affairs in Washington. The formality of the Consul General's

office where flags and portraits of King Khaled and President Carter flank Ealum's desk conveys a feeling of ceremony and high purpose to the spacious well-lit room in contrast to the cheerful bustle of the central lobby with its limestone walls and flowery carpet.

James Ealum stands slim, tanned and ramrod straight at the door to this office, his hand

outstretched in welcome. Spruce in a navy blazer and grey flannels, his white beard immaculately groomed, the soft-spoken diplomat appears every inch a gentleman.

Ealum joined the Foreign Service in 1957 upon graduation from Harvard with an M.A. in Soviet Union Regional Studies. Based the last 10 years in Washington, he worked first as a political analyst of Soviet-Mideast

Affairs, then as Director of the Operation Center, reporting directly to the Secretary of State. The Operation Center is the Foreign Service's nerve center which functions around the clock to alert foreign service officers to urgent messages.

Ealum's overseas postings have included two years in Moscow with the Bureau of Economic Affairs and three years in Tehran as Chief of the consular section.

Not yet fluent in Arabic, Ealum struggles with "ains and idioms three times weekly with a tutor. He hopes he "will not leave here as ignorant of Arabic as I arrived."

Ealum's staff of 7 American officers with the support of 56 others serves an American community of 25,000 in the Eastern and Northern Provinces. This is almost two thirds of the 40,000 Americans in the Kingdom. Vice Consul Andreas Farsakh believes that the number of Americans, which has tripled since 1973, has now peaked.

The workings of diplomacy have always seemed highly mysterious to the man-in-the-street who suspects that important things are kept hidden in principle. What in fact do the men and women who are U.S. consular officers do once they've passed through those heavy doors locked with secret combinations?

James Ealum and John Stahlman, chief of the economic section, described the routine of their days. Much of it is as humdrum as the work of administrators in every field: reading reports and the press, and messages from other missions. Then, said Stahlman, there is the preparing of reports and updates on Saudi development projects. "One third of the time is spent visiting," added Ealum, since "to develop the information requires getting outside the office."

Strictly diplomatic matters, said the Consul General, are handled by the embassy in Jeddah, but some of the information used as a basis for decisions is developed in Dhahran. Cameras are not permitted inside the consulate except with special permission to avoid photographs of such information.

The Consulate General in Dhahran celebrates its 30th anniversary next year. In 1942, the U.S. sent a legation to Jeddah, and Saudi Arabia reciprocated by dispatching a representation to Washington in 1946. Both these offices, explained Daryl Daniels, vice-consul for public affairs, became embassies in 1949. All consular business in the Eastern Province, including the issuing of passports and registration of births and deaths, was done by foreign service officers on visits from Jeddah. In 1949, a foreign service officer set



HISTORIC: Picture shows Arthur Beverly Allen, then principal consular officer, with the prince of the Eastern Province, Abdul Mubsen Ibn Juluwi. The original picture was taken sometime in 1964-68 when Allen was at the embassy.

up an office in the ARAMCO compound in Dhahran. The following year the office was relocated at the Dhahran Airport. In 1951, the first consul, Parker T. Hart, took up residence in the two newly completed limestone buildings of the consular section.

Since then, the Consulate General has enjoyed gradual growth. There are now 2 commercial officers, one for business and trade and one for long-range development and planning. An Information Office was set up 3 years ago. It helps Saudi graduates as many as 300 of whom yearly apply there to find suitable graduate training programs in the U.S. This office also makes available the texts of major policy speeches by the President and summaries of U.S. editorials on the Middle East.

In addition to providing routine consular services, the consulate hosts a tax assistant from Jeddah to assist expatriates in filing their returns. Its participation in the workings of the IRS extends no further. "It is a myth that IRS people go through our files," said Consul Farsakh.

The Dhahran Consulate General's main interest is commercial, to obtain the maximum national advantage with the minimum friction. It will help set up 4-to-6 trade exhibits this year. The consulate's work in making business easier for Americans has some advantageous spin-off for the Kingdom's entrepreneurs as well. The Consulate General will assist them free of charge to find appropriate U.S. suppliers, introduce them to American firms seeking representation in the Kingdom, and locate U.S. partners for joint ventures and licensed local production of

stateside brands. Commercial libraries with trade directories and reference works on American industry are available. "A Saudi businessman interested in buying steel," explained Daniels, "won't likely find out from his travel agent which the big steel cities are. We can help him with such information."

The Foreign Service Officers of the United States are an elite. Many would like to join their ranks. About 15,000 Americans take the foreign service exams every year. Only 10 per cent of the candidates exceed the cut-off score in the grueling test of everything from the U.S. Constitution to the state of the fine arts. After an interview and background investigation, the 1,500 are trimmed down to a ranked list of 200-400 of both sexes, all races and socio-economic classes. These are the candidates chosen to represent their country abroad.

No Foreign Service officer is allowed to stake out his turf for long in any one part of the world. Tours are usually 2-4 years duration. If the officer is trained in a "difficult" language like Arabic or Chinese, however, he either has longer tours or several of them in the language region.

About half of all U.S. ambassadors are career diplomats. The others are political appointees, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. One advantage of political appointees, thought one consular official, is that "they get a better ear from the White House." Whenever a new President is elected, ambassadors submit pro forma resignations. Most are not accepted although more are approved when there is a change of party in power.

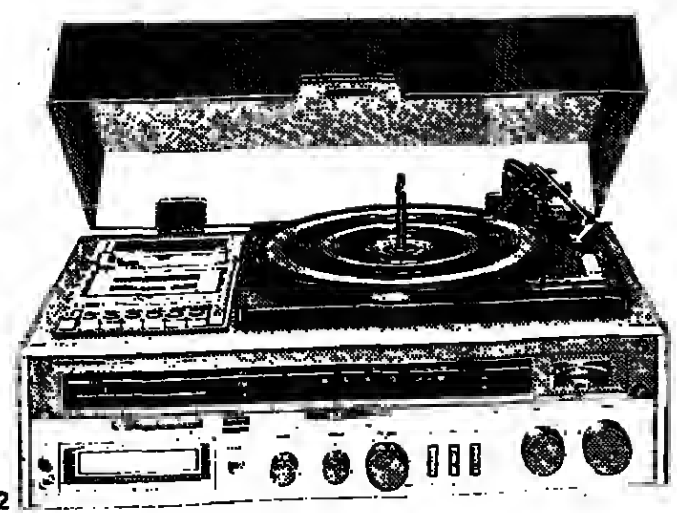
30th anniversary of Paris-New York flight



ANNIVERSARY: Maurice Bellonte (center) recently celebrated his 84th birthday trip across the Atlantic. He was accompanied by Diederone Costes on board the private single engine plane of Mr. Breguet in 1930. In response to an invitation by the United States Bellonte has crossed the Atlantic again; but this time on board the Concorde of Air France on 3 Sept. 1980 from Paris to New York. The Concorde pilot was Femand Andrei (left photo) broke the flight record in 1978 and covered the trip some 5,894 kilo-meters in 3 hours 30 minutes and 11 seconds at an average speed of 1,669.7 k.m. per hour. Maurice Bellonte on his return trip from Washington to Paris was a guest of honor of air pilot, Capt. Pierre Chanoine (right) who has also broken the record last year and covered 6,190 k.m. in 3 hours 15 minutes and 155 seconds at average speed of 1,725 k.m. per hour. Maurice Bellonte and Diederone Costes succeeded in breaking light records in 1930 when they flew for 37 hours and 18 minutes, which is equivalent to less than 10 of the daily flight record of the Concorde.

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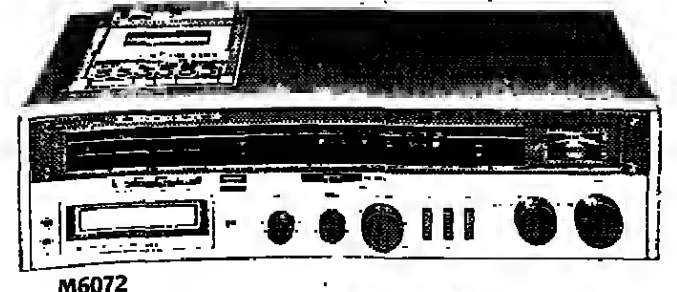
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Unions threaten strikes against Thatcher policy

BRIGHTON, England, Sept. 2 (AP) — Britain's labor unions have declared all-out opposition to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's planned employment act, designed to curb union power, and warned they will launch a campaign of strikes "if necessary."

Delegates representing this country's 12 million-strong organized labor Monday

Russia, Iran still at odds over gas price

TEHRAN, Sept. 2 (R) — The Soviet Union is still in a deadlock with Iran over the price of Iranian gas supplies outgoing Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar has said.

Iran was still seeking a fivefold increase in price, from 76 cents per million British thermal units (btu) to nearly \$4, he told a press conference Monday.

The Soviet Union had taken 10 billion cubic meters of gas annually through a trans-border pipeline until pipeline damage and the price dispute halted supplies in March. Several talks since then have failed to resolve the dispute.

Moinefar said Iran did not have much gas to supply the Russians because of increased supplies to domestic consumers since last year's revolution.

Moinefar charged that the Soviet Union had been taking gas from Iran "at a next to nothing price," and selling its own gas in Europe at much higher prices. He said the price being sought by Iran was in line with international market rates.

Moinefar, who was not included in the new cabinet presented for parliamentary approval Sunday, said his past year in office had been a very successful one for the Iranian oil industry.

He said the new government would continue the policy of conserving the country's main energy resource for as long as possible. The revenue from oil exports was at present more than enough to cover import, costs, he added.

voted overwhelmingly at the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress, Britain's AFL-CIO, for a motion for "sustained and vigorous campaign of non-cooperation with the government" to block the planned legislation.

Attacks The vote was taken amid a barrage of blistering attacks on Mrs. Thatcher and the economic and social strategies of her Conservative government.

Virtually all the 1,200 delegates supported the militant call. Only a handful abstained and none voted against the motion.

Monday's move followed swelling union hostility to the Thatcher government's hard-line economic strategy to limit union power and revive Britain's troubled economy through tough monetarist policies.

Woes Although the union movement is in some disarray at present, Monday's move was widely seen as signaling another round of confrontations between the government and organized labor that will add to Britain's woes.

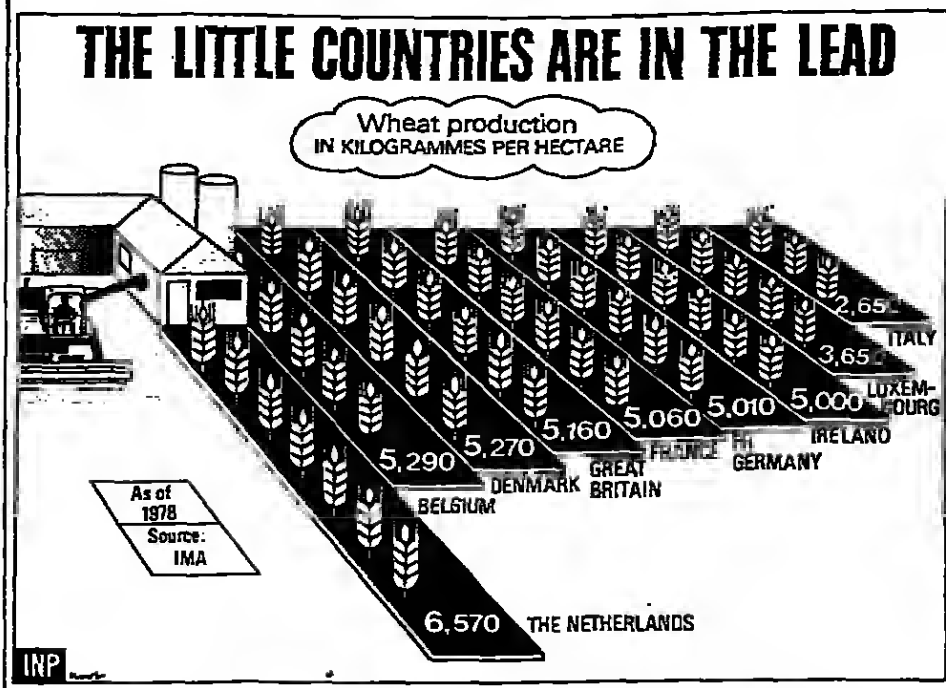
Coalminers' leader Arthur Scargill, a prominent hardliner and strike organizer, was cheered when he declared: "Tell this government clearly that we'll use our strength, including industrial action, if any of the act's provisions are used against a trade union official or rank-and-file member of our movement."

He added: "We're not prepared to accept...this act that takes away the rights of the trade union movement which we've won in a century and a half of struggle."

Blunderwoman Harry Urwin, chairman of the TUC's Employment, Policy and Organization Committee, branded the prime minister "blunderwoman and her vandals" and declared the government is seeking to "starve" strikers back to work by withholding social security payments.

Union leaders gave no indication what strikes could be planned. But union anger has been mounting for months as unemployment swelled to more than 2 million, or 8.3 percent of the national workforce — the worst level since the 1930s.

This stems from the 15-month-old Thatcher government's policy of massive spending cuts and high interest rates to curb inflation, currently running at an annual rate of 16.9 per cent.



Conference on investment opened Mugabe stresses private enterprise

SALISBURY, Sept. 2 (AP) — Freed from 15 years of economic sanctions and secret business deals, Zimbabwe opened a 30-nation conference Monday to unveil its investment and trade potential.

Socialist Prime Minister Robert Mugabe told about 1,000 people, including 300 foreign delegates, that private enterprise had a significant role to play in Zimbabwe as long as it accepted state objectives and priorities.

"Private enterprise from outside must...lend itself to substantial local participation and management, and while it retains the right to remit its dividends and profits, ensure that substantial percentages are reinvested," he said.

Mugabe, who led the seven-year-guerrilla war against nine decades of white minority rule in the former British colony, emphasized

National firm to sell gas in UAE

ABU DHABI, Sept. 2 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has decided to set up a national company to sell gasoline in six of the seven member Emirates, where three foreign firms at present control sales.

The official Emirates News Agency said the cabinet took the decision in principle and

Food shortage critical, FAO warns

HAVANA, Sept. 2 (R) — Edouard Saouma, director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), has said cereal production in the poorer countries could drop by 14 million tons this year.

Saouma Monday told the FAO Latin American Regional Conference in Havana that food shortages were "critical in Africa, and also in some Asian and Latin American countries."

He said developing countries had the tech-

charged the oil ministry with making final studies on establishing the company.

Earlier this year the government had to step in with massive subsidies for gasoline prices after the three foreign firms, Shell, Caltex and British Petroleum, raised prices by 30 per cent.

While in Britain, Mugabe urged British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington for greater investment and aid to Zimbabwe.

Economists say that only a few million investment dollars have been received since independence in April. But to make Zimbabwe more attractive, the government has lifted 15-year restrictions on remittances of profits abroad and guaranteed repatriation of all new investment capital after two years.

Food shortage critical, FAO warns

logies and national resources to double food production, and with the right policies they could distribute it fairly and reduce malnutrition by the end of the century.

If Latin America's vast natural resources were efficiently exploited and managed, the region could become self-sufficient in basic foods and provide food for other areas as well," he said.

Saouma called for "a new world food order as a precondition for any economic order."

He said developing countries had the tech-

Lopez Portillo addresses nation Mexico using oil revenues to expand heavy industries

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2 (AP) — Mexico is using its oil wealth to develop industry and shake off "once and for all the status of a country that has been stigmatized by a colonial past," President Jose Lopez Portillo said Tuesday in his State of the Union address.

For Mexico, it represents a historic landmark," he said. "We want to stand on our own two feet in our proper place in the world and not be given a back seat in a sphere of influence," he added, referring to relations with the United States.

New Projects

Lopez Portillo outlined new projects to reduce population growth, to try to make Mexico self-sufficient in food production, expand heavy industries such as steel, improve education and health and reduce unemployment. All this, he said, will be financed with the country's huge new oil revenues.

He also announced an increase in Mexico's proven oil and gas reserves from 50 billion to 60.1 billion barrels and potential ones from 200 to 250 billion barrels, enough to meet the country's domestic and export needs for the next 60 years.

Two-thirds of this is crude oil and the rest gas.

Mexico is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. It is currently the world's fifth oil producer at 2.3 million barrels a day, with approximately half of this exported. He said production will be limited to 2.7 million barrels a day during the remainder of his six-year administration, which ends Dec. 1, 1982.

Devaluations

The country had suffered to sharp devaluations that slashed the value of the peso by about half to around 23 pesos to 1 U.S. dollar when Lopez Portillo took office four years ago. A huge trade deficit had raised the foreign debt fourfold to \$29 billion and economic growth dropped from 6 per cent to less than 2 per cent.

Growth in 1980 is expected to stay at an all-time high of 8 per cent for the second consecutive year. The trade deficit has dropped sharply, the foreign debt went up only \$3 billion — most of it borrowed to develop oil — and the country's gross money reserves increased from virtually nothing to a record \$6.3 billion.

Inflation

However, government economists estimate inflation this year will jump from 20 to 35 per cent both because of rising costs within Mexico and the effects of the recession in the United States, Japan and Western Europe.

Mexico's population of 68 million is still growing at the rate of 2.9 per cent a year, down from a world high 3.6 per cent four years ago. Lopez Portillo said he expected a current family program will reduce it to 2.5



President Jose Lopez Portillo

percent by 1982, but even so it will strain the country's resources.

Approximately half the population is younger than 15 and 65 per cent less than 24 years of age. Fifth years ago, two-thirds of the people lived in the country, now two-thirds live in the city.

This means that even though hard-core unemployment was reduced from 8 to 5.9 per cent in two years, only 19 million people support the rest of the population. Government economists estimate 850,000 new jobs must be created every year just to keep up. Independent economists estimate at least 45 per cent of the labor force is jobless or underemployed.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Trade
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.94	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	115.00	117.50	—
Canadian Dollar	2.87	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	185.00	187.85	187.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	170.00	173.00	171.30
Egyptian Pound	—	4.35	4.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.50	90.25
French Franc (100)	80.00	80.60	80.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	43.20
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.90	39.80	39.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	—	15.85
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.35
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.43	12.43
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	97.40	97.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.75
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.30
Pound Sterling	7.94	8.10	8.04
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.75	91.50
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.57
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	53.00	48.00
Swiss Franc (100)	201.00	203.50	203.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.25	85.40
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	44.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.33	3.325
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.15	72.95
Gold kg.	—	67,700.00	—
10 Tolas bar	—	7,920.00	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of Education, Hail	Maintenance of directorate's building and library	9/400/401	50	Sept. 8
" " "	Construction of ordinary school buildings (second lot)	10/400/401	200	Sept. 10
" " "	Fencing of school buildings (fifth lot)	11/400/401	50	Sept. 13
" " "	Fencing of school buildings (sixth lot)	12/400/401	50	Sept. 14
" " "	Fencing of school buildings (seventh lot)	13/400/401	50	Sept. 15
" " "	Fencing of school buildings (eighth lot)	14/400/401	50	Sept. 16

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4	Aegle Hispanic	A.E.T.	Contra/Gen/Vehs.	30.8.80
5	Char Loong	Abdallah	Contra/Cable/General	29.8.80
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30	Pampero Universal	Star	Reefer	26.8.80
31	Paradise Moon	Barber	Timber	28.8.80
35	Khudochnik Romas	A.E.T.	Containers	1.9.80
36	Kamakura Maru	Alreza	Containers	1.9.80
38	Yara	Favez	Durra	25.8.80
39	Maldives Ambassador	O. Trade	Ginger/Pepper General	31.8.80
40	Arya Dal	S.E.A.	Gen/Rice/Tea/Henna	1.9.80

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1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

Barth	Ship	Agent	Cargo	Date
4	Hosing Arrow	U E P	Steel/Pipes	1.9.80
13	Estella Maersk	Kanoo	General	1.9.80
16	Clisson	U E P	Barley in Bags	31.8.80
20	Saudi Star	Ori	Barley in Bags	27.8.80
21	Asia Lark	A R	Cement in Bulk	2.9.80
32	St. Christophorus	Alsaada	Gen/Rice	1.9.80
36	Primavera (DB)	S M C	Bulk Cement	16.8.80
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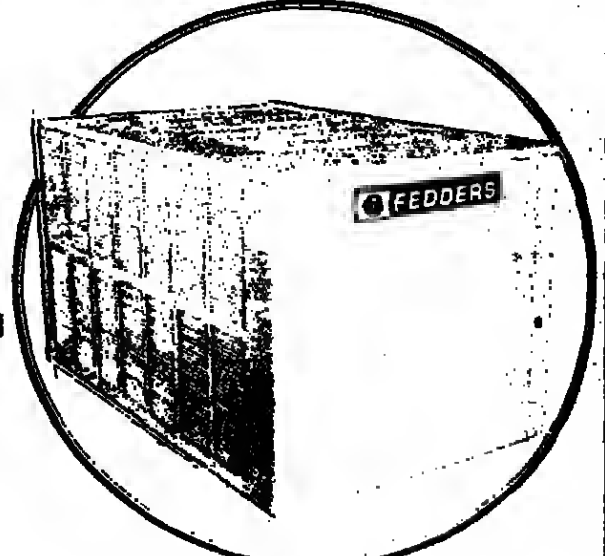
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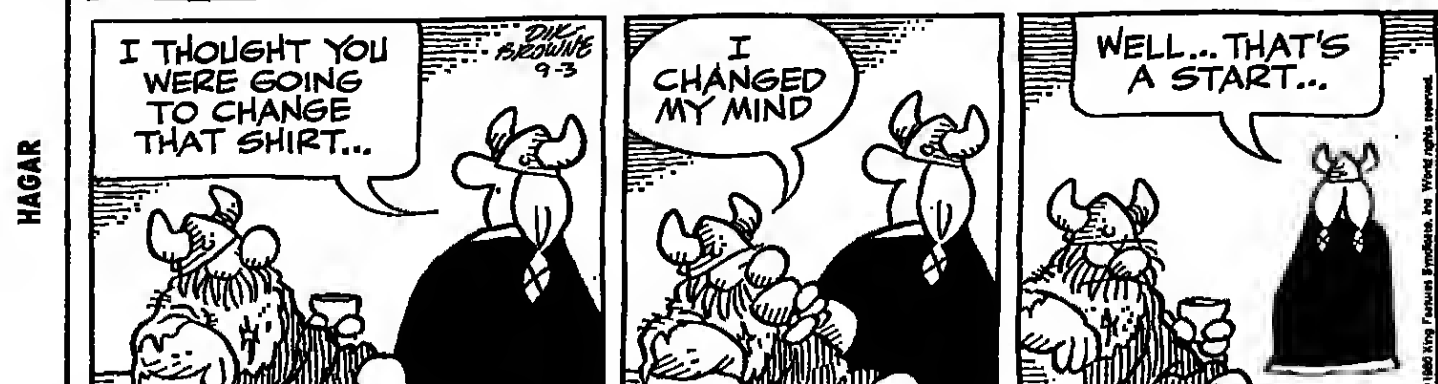
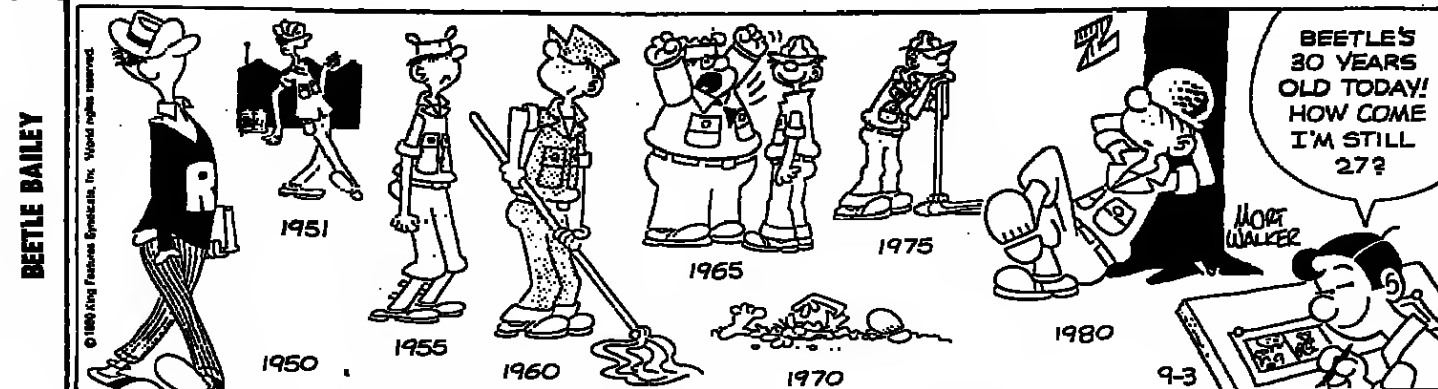
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Afternoon Transmission

2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:08 Ours of Guidance
2:10 Key to their Success
2:20 On Islam
2:30 A Chat and a Song
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Science Journal
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40 —
3:50 Cutdown

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Ours of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Jeddah Highlights
9:45 Companion of the Prophet
10:00 A Viewpoint
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Sound Sweet and Strange
11:00 A Look from Life's Notebook
11:15 Sound Latin
11:45 On Islam
12:00 Concert Chorus
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams

P.M.

8:00 News Roundup
8:01 Reports: Actualities
8:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:30 Dailies
9:00 Special English
9:01 News Feature: The Making of a Nation
9:30 Music USA: (Soundcheck)
10:00 News Roundup
10:01 Reports: Actualities
10:05 Opinion: Analyses

News Summary
10:30 VOC Magazine
America's Letter
Cultural: Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)
VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News Roundup
12:01 Reports: Actualities
12:05 Opinion: Analyses
12:45 This Week in Politics
1:00 Music

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
8:30 News Summary
8:31 World Today
9:00 Newsday
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
10:30 News Summary
10:31 World Today
11:00 World News
11:09 Newsday
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myer

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Carols
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newswire
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newswire
6:15 Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 Books and Writers

Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newswire
9:30 Farming World
10:00 World News
10:30 Stock Market Report
10:31 News Summary
10:32 Nature Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
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1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
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Alice in Wonderland
West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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♥ J 10 9 7
♦ A K Q J
WEST EAST
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♥ 8 6 4 2 ♥ 5 3
♦ 8 6 4 2 ♦ 5 3
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SOUTH
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♥ A K Q
♦ A K Q
♣ 10

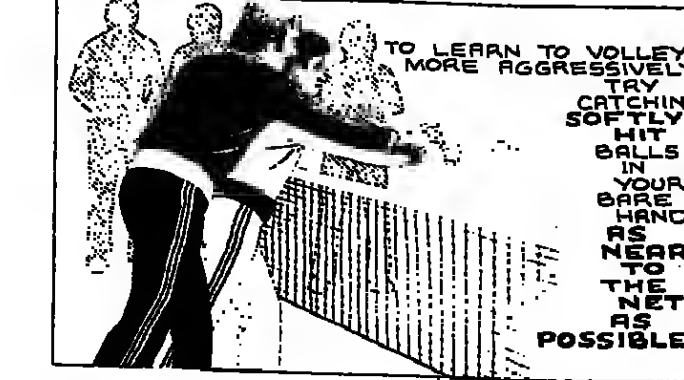
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West North East South
Pass 1♠ Pass 7 NT
Opening lead — two of clubs.

One of Alice's strangest adventures occurred at a garden tea party. Expecting to be served, Alice sat down at a nearby table and, on her left, saw a Hatter dealing out some cards, one by one. On her right was a Duchess, who paid no attention at all to what was going on. Opposite Alice sat a snoring Dormouse, who must have had an argument with the host, who kept pushing him into a large teapot. Alice was greatly astonished to hear the Dormouse open the bidding with one club. He then promptly subsided into a comatose condition when



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Wavebands: 16.74, 13.96 13.79 (meters)
4:30 Religious Program
4:40 Request Music
5:15 Women's world
5:45 Customs Rules
6:00 NEWS
6:15 Press Review
6:20 On The Day
6:25 This Week in Pakistan
6:40 Music

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

A time when plans fall apart. Initiate new projects. Attend to needed domestic repairs. Your optimism attracts benefits.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Creative energy is high. Capitalize on it. Joy through children and romance. The p.m. favors stepping out.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Make important domestic decisions. You and a close one see eye-to-eye. Progress through initiative on the job front.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Take the initiative in romance. Don't procrastinate. Make major decisions now. Write letters, and make important phone calls.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Put new money-making ideas into action. You may receive important news affecting finances. Keep business transactions confidential.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Progress in most areas now. You'll meet with encouragement from others. Social get-

together bring happy

Express your views.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Career progress indicated but save some time reading a good book or other favorite pastime. Tal projects favored.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Friends are helpful. Social life is favored. In touch with those at a distance. You might make plans with them.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You'll impress others now. Higher-ups are responsive to your ideas. Have the facts at your disposal. Do necessary research.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Talks with lawyers and advisers are productive. Listen to the ideas of a close one. Enjoy the company of friends.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Initiative brings career dividends. Financing for important projects can now be arranged. Contact banks and lending institutions.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Make happy relationship decisions. Rapport for lovers. Plan a special p.m. entertainment. Put new spark into existing romance.

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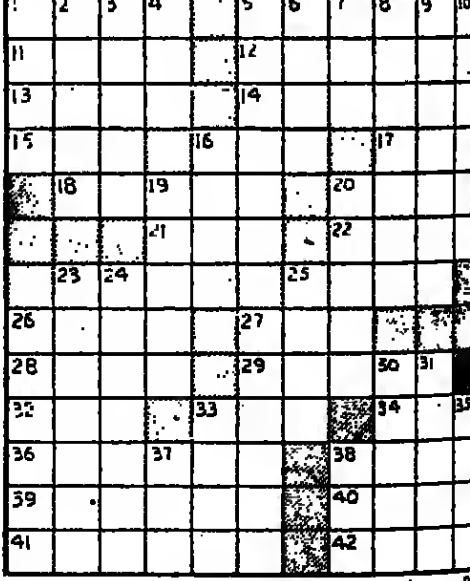
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ACROSS

1 Hemingway
5 Big donor.
11 Evergreen
12 Sleep-inducing agent
13 "What is new?"
14 Courageous pluck
15 Gymnast's need
16 Evil spell
17 Headgear
18 Body-builder
20 Without (Ger.)
21 Hill dweller
22 Do one's civic duty
23 Dry
25 Actress
26 Irish islands
27 Rusted
28 Prong
32 Private eye
33 — Lanka
34 Luck
36 Hydrocarbon
38 "This Nearly Was —"
39 Trample
40 Flange
41 Island immortalized by U.S. Marines

DOWN

42 Sign light
1 Ode
2 Mosque delly
3 Agglutinant
4 Hatchet
5 Instigate
6 Summit
7 Small bird
8 Become fashionable
9 Address
10 Ted Turner
11 rendition
12 American home
13 Deck or farm —
14 Battleship
15 Famous painter
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21 Girl's name
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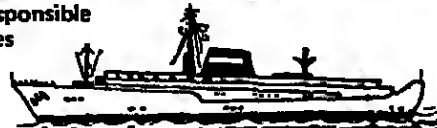
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Warsaw wavering on strike solution

WARSAW, Sept. 2 (AP) — Poland's Communist government announced Tuesday it had accepted all demands of striking Silesian coal miners and was ready to sign an agreement. But a government source later indicated talks were still underway and might last "for hours."

Warsaw Radio reported at mid-day that a government commission led by Deputy Premier Aleksander Kopec had reached agreement in talks with representatives of workers

from 10 mines in the Katowice area of Upper Silesia.

"The government commission is comprehensively examining the joint terms of reference for an agreement worked out earlier," the radio reported. "The demands put forward by the workers are acceptable in their entirety. A government commission is ready to sign an agreement with the inter-factory strike committee."

But two hours later, a spokesman for the government information service Interpress said the talks might continue "for hours." He gave no further detail nor provided any explanation for the apparent snag.

Late Monday the official Polish news agency PAP reported that a tentative agreement had been reached between the government and miners for nine pits. But the following morning Warsaw Radio said the strikes were continuing in 18 mines and that Kopec had been sent to join the government negotiating team.

Sources said the miners were holding out for written guarantees of their right to form independent trade unions, go on strike and obtain other benefits granted workers on the Baltic sea coast last weekend. The miners also were pressing for unspecified safety guarantees and changes in shift schedules, sources said.

Officials refused to say how many of Poland's 250,000 coal miners were on strike, but unofficial estimates put the figure around 20,000. Another 10,000 workers in mine-related enterprises were also believed on strike, sources said. Western diplomats said the number of strikers was believed "substantial."

There was no immediate word on why the agreement announced Monday night had broken down or whether miners were simply awaiting the signing ceremony before returning to work.

Poland earns a large share of its foreign exchange from coal exports and miners are among the highest paid workers in the country. The official news agency reported late Monday that workers at nine coal mines had reached tentative agreement with the government during negotiations during the day. It was unclear whether the agreement broke down or whether other mines were involved.

In announcing the tentative settlement, PAP said it was hoped the agreement with the miners would be signed Tuesday, thus ending the labor crisis which began in early July with the near doubling of meat prices.

Poland's government had hoped to settle the crisis by agreeing last weekend to sweeping demands made by strikers in the Gdansk and Szczecin areas.

Under the agreement, workers were granted among other things the right to form their own "independent, self-governing trade unions" and to go on strike as a last resort in labor disputes.

Miroslaw Wojciechowski, chief editor of the government information service Interpress, said portions of the agreements relating to separate trade unions and the right to strike could apply to all workers nationwide.



President Bani-Sadr

Iran cabinet fight averted

TEHRAN, Sept. 2 (R) — An open row between Iran's president and prime minister over who should sit in the cabinet was headed off Tuesday when parliament postponed a confirmation debate.

Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai appeared briefly at the Majlis after talking late into the night with President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr to say the president now wanted more time to study some nominations. Many of those named to the cabinet by Rajai on Sunday are young and relatively inexperienced revolutionaries and Bani-Sadr has openly challenged their fitness for office.

Tuesday's postponement put off a confrontation between Bani-Sadr and the Islamic Republican Party that dominates parliament. With Parliament's authority, Rajai called on the president to resume talks on the cabinet, Iran's first formally constituted government since the Islamic revolution of February last year.

Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini has refused to enter the quarrel and has told the two sides to settle it themselves. The IRP accuses Bani-Sadr of violating the constitution by refusing to approve Rajai's cabinet. Bani-Sadr's men say Rajai violated it by announcing his team without presidential approval.

Female Rasputin's 'power' may have cured Brezhnev

MOSCOW, Sept. 2 (WP) — In a country so unequivocally committed to "scientific socialism," the old Russian beliefs in supernatural and other mystical powers linger on with unusual persistence.

A recent sensation here has been a "real" miracle healer from Tbilisi, in Soviet Georgia, who is said to have cured hundreds of people with the "biological force" in her hands.

Her name is Dzhuha Davitshvili and she is about 30. Although married to a Georgian, she is an Assyrian, a fact that for many people reinforces belief in her "hionic" powers. According to folk legends, Assyrians are a people endowed with magic powers. An ancient people of the Middle East, a few of them survive in southern Russia along the Black Sea coast.

All this may sound like the beginning of a story about a Soviet wonder woman, except that the exploits of Dzhuha, as she is widely known here, have been sanctioned by the Kremlin. She is holding her seances at a government clinic and many prominent Soviet figures are said to be among her patients.

There are rumors that even President Leonid Brezhnev has sought her help. In fact, her ministrations are said to be responsible for the noticeable improvement in his physical appearance earlier this year when, after years of decline, he appeared to be the picture of health and vigor.

Davitshvili's reputation for magical healing powers is not few. There have been numerous magic health healers in Russian history. One notable figure was Rasputin, the "mad monk" in the court of Czar Nicholas II. The imperial couple believed Rasputin could cure their only son who suffered from hemophilia. With entree to court, Rasputin subsequently acquired great political power.

The Communists, with their insistence on the scientific approach, have traditionally fought all sorts of quackery and supernatural

powers. This time, it seems, Davitshvili's healing methods have won her powerful supporters not only in the political establishment but among some important and widely respected members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Recently, academician Yuri Kobzarev, who pioneered the development of radar for the Soviet Union, publicly endorsed Davitshvili's exploits as genuine — not a response to any mysticism that may be deeply rooted among her patients.

Kobzarev said that some healers are known to emanate electro-magnetic waves and that they make a physical rather than psychological effect on the patients.

The endorsement appeared in *Kosmos-Sakya Pravda*. A reporter for that paper claimed to have witnessed a number of miracles. These included Davitshvili's reviving a bouquet of dried roses by passing her hand over them.

He also reported that the woman placed her fingers on a box of cigarettes, raised her hand "and the box rose wit it."

Earlier this summer, another academy member, Alexander Spirkin, wrote an article in which he described an experiment performed by Davitshvili. He said that "biological field force" from her hands dried out a trophic ulcer in 15 minutes after the bandages were removed. But Spirkin is a philosopher and his article was interpreted as a signal of political approval of the miracle healer who otherwise would be in conflict with Moscow's official medical establishment.

Most Soviet doctors are said to oppose Davitshvili's methods as unscientific. But the endorsement by Kobzarev, a man of genuine scientific accomplishment who enjoys a great reputation here, suggests a division on the issue within the scientific elite.

Meanwhile — despite her fee of \$340 a session — there is a long waiting list of people seeking Davitshvili's help.



EMPHATIC: U.S. independent presidential candidate John Anderson goes through a variety of gestures to emphasize points he made at a recent Los Angeles rally. All three White House hopefuls made appearances Monday as the 1980 campaign got officially underway.

But few will pay

Peking to tax incomes

PEKING, Sept. 2 (Agencies) — A proposal calling for a 30 per cent tax on all Communist Chinese-foreign joint ventures and an income tax on Chinese and foreigners earning more than \$547 a month was submitted Tuesday to China's National People's Congress. Informed sources said it was sure to be approved.

The measure introduces personal income tax for the first time, but only 20 Chinese make enough money to pay it.

The proposal was contained in four draft laws dealing with joint ventures taxes, personal income taxes, marriage and nationality. Peng Zhen, vice chairman of the NPC standing committee, also proposed a constitutional amendment to abolish freedoms of speech.

Chinese leaders say the constitution already guarantees the right of free speech and say wall posters were used to defame people during the Cultural Revolution.

The amendment — sure to be approved — will mean an end to China's last "democracy wall" in a remote Peking Pary.

The draft laws and constitutional amendment will be discussed by more than 3,000 deputies to the congress — China's parliament. They first were proposed by the Communist Party and congressional endorsement is a foregone conclusion.

Peng Zhen said Chinese-foreign joint ventures will next year be subject to a 30 per cent income tax, plus a local surtax of 10 per cent of the assessed tax. The actual rate would be about 33 per cent. If profits are remitted from

China, another 10 per cent tax will be imposed on the funds remitted, Peng said.

Peng said a separate taxation system would be established for petroleum and natural gas joint ventures. He said the level of taxation is relatively low compared with other countries. The purpose, he said, is to acquire advanced technology and know-how.

The personal income tax is believed to be aimed mainly at foreigners. Most Chinese workers earn about \$55 a month and very few, possibly only 20, of the highest paid Chinese officials reach the \$547-a-month ceiling.

China also is revising a 1950 law which sets the age of marriage at 20 for men and 18 for women. Under the new law, the age would be raised to 20 for women and 22 for men. The marriage law also will require couples to practice family planning. China now insists on one-child families in order to control its population. China now has one billion people. Peng did not say how the law would be enforced.

The draft law also makes divorce more difficult. According to the 1950 law, still in effect, divorce was granted if one party demanded it and mediation failed. The new law says there must be "complete alienation of affection" and efforts at reconciliation must have failed before a divorce is granted.

Under China's new nationality law, dual nationality will no longer be recognized. Overseas Chinese will have to choose between Chinese and foreign citizenship.

4 found guilty in Abscam

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (N) — Representative Michael Myers of Pennsylvania, and three co-defendants have been found guilty in the first of the Abscam cases to go to trial. Jury foreman Nancy Biedry, a physical therapist from Glen Cove, New York, repeated the word "guilty" 12 times Saturday, convicting each of the four defendants of bribery, conspiracy and traveling interstate to commit bribery in the acceptance of \$50,000 in influence money from the agents of a fictitious Arab sheikh.

The verdict was handed up to Judge George Pratt in U.S. District Court at 12:10 a.m. about 10 hours after the panel of nine men and three women began deliberations.

Myers, Mayor Angelo Errichetti of Camden, New Jersey, who is also a New Jersey state Senator; Philadelphia City Councilman Louis Johanson; and Philadelphia attorney Howard Criden, Johanson's former law partner, each face possible 15-year prison terms on the bribery conviction, the most serious charge, and up to five years each on the other two charges. Pratt set no sentencing date.

Myers flushed when he heard the verdict and his wife, ethel, burst into tears. Errichetti smiled slightly. Later, Myers again insisted upon his innocence.

"I really think the jury got confused on the charge," he said. "The real problem was on the intent question. I had no intent to do anything wrong. I was guilty...for meeting with a guy like Melvin Weinberg," the convicted con man who was the chief prosecution witness and an FBI informant.

Asked if he still plans to seek re-election, Myers, who was renominated after being indicted, insisted: "I'm still in the race...I'm sure the American people will not stand still for what the FBI and the Justice Department did to me. It's a disgrace."

Myers is also under investigation by the House ethics committee, and faces possible removal from office as a result of the conviction.

He and the other defendants said they would appeal the verdict — something they technically cannot do until after sentencing.

When Criden was asked whether he planned to cooperate with the prosecution in other Abscam cases, his attorney, Richard Ben-Veniste, replied, "We'll have no comment on that. We're going to appeal this case."

Johanson could not be reached, although his attorney, John Duffy said: "It's not over until it's over."

Errichetti, asked how he felt about Melvin Weinberg, said: "He's providing his job, I guess. I don't have anything to say about him."

Errichetti said he planned to continue in his duties as mayor of Camden and in the New Jersey Senate. Asked what he thought about the verdict, he said: "I have no problem with it. It is our system of courts. I'm realistic and I believe in our system."

Errichetti's wife, sobbing, was consoled by a attorney Raymond Brown. "It's just the beginning," he assured her.

The verdict followed 12 days of testimony in the case, which involved Myers' acceptance of \$50,000 from FBI operatives posing as emissaries of the phony sheikh. The prosecution charged a violation of federal statutes harriving officials from accepting payments in return "for being influenced" in their duties.

The defense conceded that the money changed hands and, further, that it was divided among the four defendants. But it maintained that the defendants were only "play-acting" and that Myers, who took the stand in his own defense, had no intention of doing anything in return for the money.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The etiquette of driving, and especially of how to conduct yourself once involved in a driving accident or disagreement with fellow drivers, tells a great deal about national character.

In Lebanon, for instance, disagreement on the road used to be resolved on the spot when each driver took out his pistol and started blazing in the general direction of the enemy. But this was when the country was a much gentler place. Since the civil war, now a row on the road is settled by each side getting out of the car and laboriously setting up their recoilless rifles, taking up the correct positions, and then blasting each other to kingdom come. It's a new policy. It's called Mutually Assured Destruction. None of your minor gunshot wounds.

Egypt, on the other hand, is a different kettle of fish. In Alexandria once I saw an accident involving a taxi and a horse-drawn cab. The cabbie, a tough old bird, came down from his high position holding the whip. The taxi driver got out to meet the expected attack. But as the cabbie approached he, wise as well as tough, suddenly switched tactics. The taxi driver was watching his whip hand. But the cabbie outmaneuvered him by burring him in the chest. End of argument. Exit cabbie singing, taxi man gasping for breath.

In Italy, people involved in arguments in the road usually have tremendous shouting matches. But that is not where the real interest lies. The core of the exchange is in the set of complicated and extremely suggestive gestures employed by both sides. No bones are broken. But the psychological damage seems to be awesome.

Here in Britain I have been witness to many a row on the road. Here they order things differently. In fact it took me some time before I realized that such exchange were in fact rows in which the participants were going all out for each other. I give an example:

First Englishman: I think you are wrong here, old boy.

Second Englishman: Not a chance. It's your mistake, I think.

First Englishman: It's clear your grasp of traffic rules is somewhat shaky.

Second Englishman: Yours leaves something to be desired, I fear...

And so on and so forth.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awarat

Gold opens firm; pound at \$2.41, highest since '74

LONDON, Sept. 2 (AP) — The dollar eased for the second straight day against all major currencies in early trading Tuesday, while gold prices opened firmer.

The strong British pound moved up nearly half a cent to a new five-and-a-half year high trading at \$2.4120 compared with \$2.4065 at the close Monday.

Dealers said that, apart from North Sea oil which has long boosted the pound, foreign buyers were attracted by no sign of a reduction in Britain's high interest rates. In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the U.S. dollar dropped for the seventh straight trading day, closing at 216.40 yen compared with 217.50 yen on Monday. Dealers attributed the fall to continued heavy selling by banks in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Gold edged up, opening in London at \$630 an ounce, and rising to \$632.50 at the mid-morning "fixing," compared with \$629.25 at the close Monday. In Zurich, gold opened at \$632.50 an ounce, up from Monday night's \$628.50. London bullion dealers commented there was "absolutely nothing so far" moving the market.

Gold which traditionally rises in times of political uncertainty, was just returning to Friday's levels after a brief dip Monday after the Polish strike settlement. Gold closed in Hong Kong on Tuesday at \$630.42 an ounce, up from \$625.13 on Monday.

Silver was traded in London at \$16.15 an ounce, up from \$15.59 on Monday.

General gunned down in Spain

BARCELONA, Sept. 2 (AP) — Terrorists firing submachine guns from a stolen taxi assassinated a Spanish general Tuesday in downtown Barcelona as he rode to work and wounded his driver and an armed guard, police said.

Brig Gen. Enrique Briz Armengol, 62, was killed instantly as three gunmen riddled his official car at a busy intersection during the morning rush hour and then sped off.

The taxi, robbed at gunpoint about one hour before the assassination, later was found abandoned on a Barcelona street. The general's slaying was the fourth killing in five days and brought to 79 the number slain in political violence in Spain this year.



FLYING MOUSE ANGERS RESPCA: English electrical contractor Arthur Harrington shows off a \$2,500 rocket he built to propel his pet mouse 2,000 feet in the air. But the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals doesn't share his enthusiasm. "This nonsense must be stopped," said inspector Gary Wragg, and threatened to prosecute. Harrington insists the rocket has already flown 800 feet and safely returned the mouse to earth, and that refinements in design and a radio-controlled parachute insure suffering to the mouse.



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